

Appl. No. 10/055,501  
Amdt. dated March 22, 2004  
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### **Amendments to the Specification**

Revise the wording of the sentence appearing at page 1, lines 3-4 as follows.

This is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/642,390 filed August 18, 2000 ~~[[.]]~~ ~~The priority~~ which is a continuation of PCT/EP 99/00286 filed January 19, 1999, and ~~DE 198 03 362.1 filed January 29, 1998 is claimed pursuant to USC 35 "120 and 365(b), respectively.~~

A fresh page 1 with the revised sentence is enclosed herewith.